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## Yoga teacher found dead

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A Halifax yoga instructor and former yoga-studio owner was killed over the weekend.

Police confirmed Sunday that 32-year-old Kristin Elizabeth Johnston has been identified as the victim of a homicide inside a Purcell's Cove home.

Officers were originally called to the Oceanview Drive residence, just off Purcell's Cove Road, at about 7:45 a.m. on Saturday for an "unknown trouble

call" and found Johnston's body inside.

Johnston was the owner of Bikram Yoga Halifax, which later changed its name to 42 Degrees before closing down last month, sources told Metro.

Johnston's death was ruled a homicide — the municipality's third this year — after an autopsy by the medical examiner's office Sunday morning.

Officers arrested one man, who had to be brought to hospital for treatment of what police called significant but not-life-threatening injuries. He was released from custody later Saturday "pending treatment of his injuries."

Police said Sunday afternoon that the man remains a person of interest but couldn't confirm whether he'd be arrested when his condition improved.

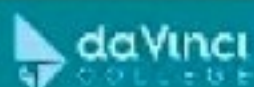


Kristin Elizabeth  
Johnston CONTRIBUTED

"We're not looking for anybody else in this file," Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Theresa Rath said Sunday.

Rath said another man went voluntarily to police headquarters on Saturday for an interview, after which "his involvement has been ruled out."

She said the victim was the owner of the home on Oceanview Drive, and the person of interest and man interviewed by police Saturday were both residents.



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Olympic gymnast Ellie Black, centre, of Halifax competes in the planking challenge with three other athletes at the FANFIT event Saturday. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

## Hundreds fit for the challenge

FANFIT

**Olympic-level fitness event tests athletes in five exercises**



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

Even professional athletes were given a run for their money

Saturday.

The third annual FANFIT event, Canada's Olympic Fitness Challenge, took place at the Canada Games Centre in Clayton Park. Even Olympians such as Halifax's Ellie Black felt challenged.

FANFIT is a gathering of seasoned and amateur athletes alike — all of whom are invited to participate in five exercise challenges in order to get a full body workout. This includes the vertical jump and planking, as well as rowing, agility training

and running.

"For us, we do the vertical jump — that's very similar to some stuff we do for training for gymnastics, as well as planking for your core. But the other (activities) we don't get to do very often," Black said Saturday. "It definitely levels the playing field."

FANFIT was founded by retired canoeist Andrew Russell. This year marks the event's first year to be officially called Canada's Olympic Fitness Challenge.

"I wanted a way to not only

challenge my own fitness level, but to bring the Olympic movement and the athletes closer to the public," Russell said Saturday.

Russell said he expected about 300 people to compete over the course of the day.

"Each of the celebrity athletes here receive an honorarium and then we also donate 30 per cent of all of the registration (fees) directly to the Canadian Olympic Foundation," he added.

For retired kayaker Karen Furneaux, it was a chance to

bring out some young women from her Strong Beauty program, featuring a group of teens between the ages of 12 and 15.

"It's an empowerment group for girls ... to just help them with overcoming stress and anxiety, and also (to have) that positive self-image that you do get from sport," Furneaux said Saturday.

"I'm super happy to be here with them."

Kaya Wall, one of Furneaux's group members, said she was looking forward to the vertical

jump and "dreading the beep test." The beep test involves running between two lines in time to recorded beeps. The time between the beeps shortens as the test goes on.

"I play hockey, so I kind of wanted to test my ... conditioning," said Walls.

FANFIT will also be making its way to Toronto this season. Russell hopes the event will eventually expand event further.

"We want to take it right across — coast to coast," he said.



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# 'Looking on the bright side'

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**Sean Kelly has donated his time for nearly three decades**



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Sean Kelly describes himself as "somewhat of an overseer" when it comes to his volunteer work with the Special Olympics.

But over the course of his involvement with the organization, Kelly has done much more than that. The Lower Sackville resident was the recipient of the Elizabeth Shard (chairman's) award at a Special Olympics Nova Scotia gala in January for donating almost 30 years of his time.

"It's one of those groups, once you get involved a little bit you're hooked when you're around the athletes and see the fraternity they show each other, the love they show each other, the unity, the way they support each other," Kelly said.

"Even if they're on another team they'll cheer for them. And that's not really something you see that much in the real world," he said. "In 27 years I can't recall a harsh word between them. Any of them."

Kelly's work with the Special Olympics began when his Knights of Columbus group first took up the cause 27 years ago. The Sackville chapter runs the annual Knights of Columbus Invitational Special Olympics track and field



Longtime Special Olympics Nova Scotia volunteer Sean Kelly, centre, poses for a photo with Don Thompson, left, and Jason Seguan outside Building Futures Employment Society in Lower Sackville last week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**600**

**Kelly's estimate for the number of volunteer hours he's put in with the Special Olympics**

meet at Metropolitan Field. The event is a feeder to the provincial games.

"Then about 13 years ago, our head office challenged all Knights to get more involved with Special Olympics," Kelly explained.

"At that point in time I was given the job of what we call State Special Olympics chairman for the Knights across the province."

Kelly described his volunteer job as twofold. The first part is

encouraging other Knights of Columbus chapters across the province to get involved with the Special Olympics movement. He then works with them as they organize their events.

"I think last year across the province we (raised) about \$29,000 and spent a little over 5,000 man hours putting on events and that kind of thing, so it's not just the money, it's the time," Kelly said.

"Lots of groups give more money to them, but we are probably one of the biggest as far as putting time in to put things on for them. That was one part of

my new job."

The second part is assisting the Special Olympics office with their provincial games. The Knights' involvement with that event keeps Kelly tied up for the whole weekend. He also helps with fundraising through the Knights to help provide buses to transport the athletes during the games.

Kelly estimates he spends about 600 volunteer hours a year helping Special Olympics on behalf of the Knights.

"The coaches, the volunteers the staff they all give the charity the gift of their time and talent

and that quite truthfully in today's world time and talent is more precious than treasure," he said.

"Anybody can write a cheque for \$50. It's a little harder to give a Saturday afternoon."

Kelly said he encourages people to consider volunteering for the Special Olympics because he has enjoyed every minute of it.

"They always have a smile on their face, they're always looking at the bright side and they can really teach you a lot about what it is to be a human being," he said.



**They always have a smile on their face, they're always looking at the bright side and they can really teach you a lot about what it is to be a human being.** Sean Kelly

## + NOMINATIONS

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## ANIMAL WELFARE

### Rescuers ask people not to adopt rabbits as Easter gifts



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

If you were considering adopting a rabbit or giving one as an Easter gift, here's hopping — er, hoping — you thought twice.

At least that's the perspective of animal advocates such as Lisa Conrod, who works for an Hants County-based organization called 10,000 Carrots Rabbit Rescue.

"Don't buy real live rabbits for your kids for Easter presents," Conrod said Saturday. "We have a campaign that says, 'Make mine chocolate.'"

Conrod and other volunteers set up a table at Victoria Park

in Halifax on Saturday.

They were even joined by a couple of furry friends to help spread the word.

"When you get a rabbit, or any animal, actually, as the spur-of-the-moment present, you're not anticipating all the work that might go into that," said Conrod.

In fact, rabbits can live up to between 10 and 14 years old. That's a big commitment to a family pet.

"(Children are) not going to be responsible enough to take that on themselves."

A chocolate bunny or a stuffed toy is a much better alternative, Conrod suggested.

However, she also had some pointers for those who feel they're up to the long-term commitment.

"It has to be a family pet. Well thought-out and well researched," said Conrod.

"They can't be left in a cage to just sit by themselves. There's really nothing sadder than that."



**Lisa Conrod of 10,000 Carrots Rabbit Rescue** holds Freckles the bunny at Victoria Park in Halifax on Saturday. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

## FATALITY

### Man dies after ATV crashes



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

A 37-year-old Nova Scotia man died in an all-terrain vehicle crash Saturday night, police have confirmed.

Annapolis District RCMP officers responded to the collision in Nictaux shortly before 8 p.m. Investigators determined the man had been travelling on Highway 201 when he overturned his ATV, stated a Nova Scotia RCMP news release.

The deceased driver was the only person on the vehicle at the time, police said.

"The investigation is ongoing," the police news release said. "Our thoughts are with the victim's family and friends at this difficult time."



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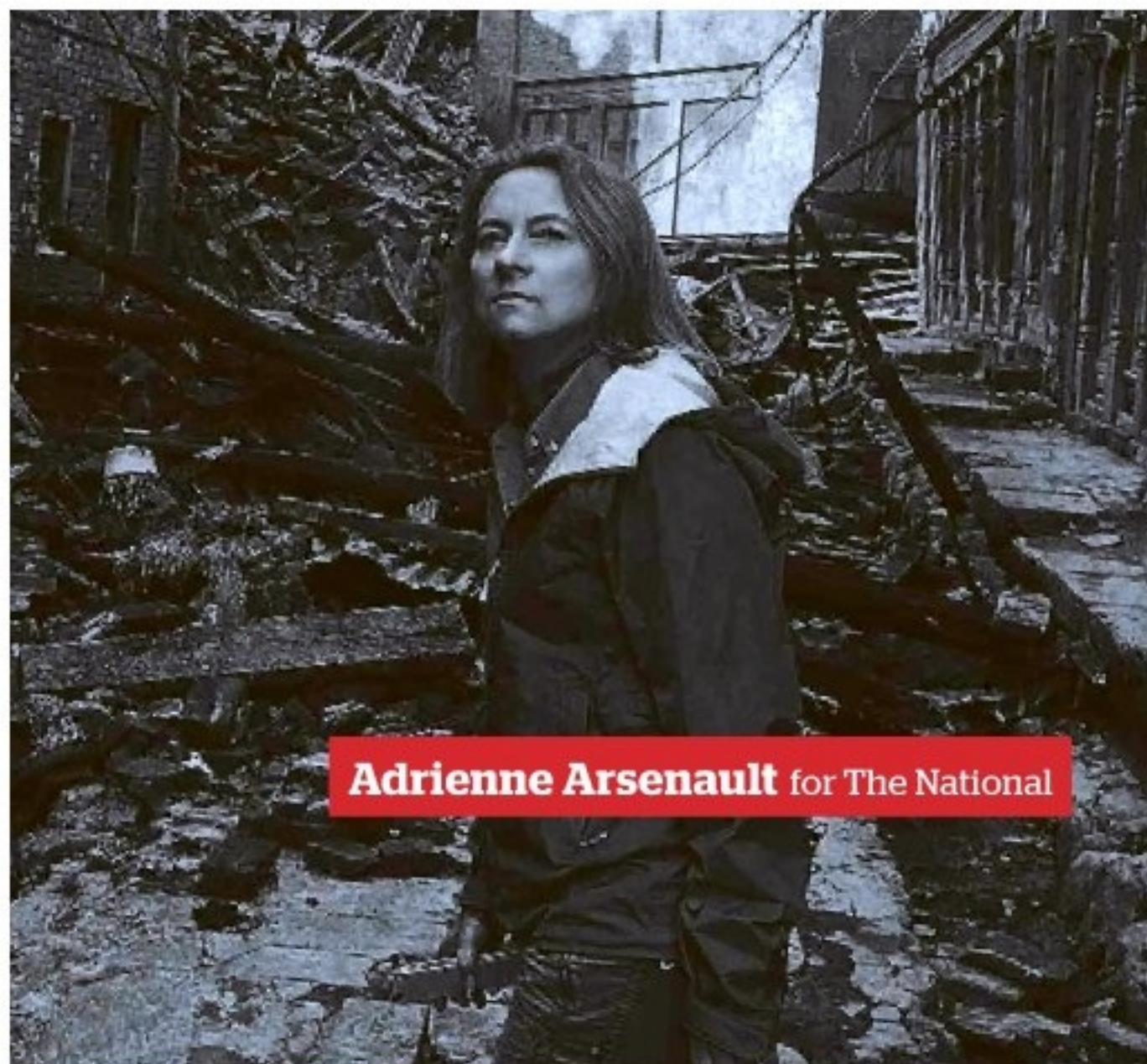
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# Investigates



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**TINY TREASURES EASTER EGG HUNT** Thousands of eggs were scattered throughout Victoria Park for the third annual Halikids Easter Egg Hunt. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

## 'It just gives you that warm feeling'

### FIREFIIGHTERS

#### Fire chief says crew received overwhelming local support

The fire chief of a small Nova Scotia town says crews who had been battling a blaze inside a massive pile of construction debris for several days have been overwhelmed by support from members of their community.

Ryan MacEachern, chief of the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department, said finding enough food to feed the dozens of weary crew members on Good Friday was proving difficult, so the department asked the public for food donations on Facebook.

MacEachern said within two hours, the station was filled with everything from casseroles and Chinese food to fruit, sandwiches, cookies and water.

"It's just been unreal. When the public hears we need something, it doesn't take long and they'll chip in and that's a pretty

good feeling," said MacEachern. "There are people handing out muffins at the scene from their car windows. It just gives you that warm feeling that you've got the support you need when you need it."

MacEachern said crews were entering the final stages of extinguishing the fire on Saturday, and the towering mound of construction debris that stands several storeys high was being doused with water and excavators were slowly moving the debris into separate piles.

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### NEWPORT CORNER

## Man dead in highway collision



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

A 57-year-old Nova Scotia man has died in a single-vehicle collision on Thursday, police said.

At about 12:30 p.m. Windsor District RCMP were called to a single-vehicle collision on Highway 215 in Newport Corner.

According to a release, the vehicle left the road in the collision, and the driver was

pronounced dead at the scene.

A 16-year-old male passenger was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. RCMP said both occupants are from Hants County.

The collision remains under investigation, police said.

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# Andre Denny gets eight-year sentence

## TRIAL

### Ruling comes four years after fatal assault



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An Andre Noel Denny supporter walked over to Raymond Taavel's partner after the sentence of eight years for manslaughter was handed down, embracing him in a hug.

Denny, 36, was sentenced to eight years incarceration on Thursday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court, nearly four years after the popular gay-rights activist was beaten to death outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street.

"This case was ... a particularly difficult one because of the complex issues involved," Justice Peter Rosinski said in court.

With roughly six years credit

for time served, Denny's sentence begins Thursday and leaves just under two years in custody and three years of probation.

Taavel's partner, Darren Lewis, sat with friends in the gallery on Thursday and talked quietly with a supporter of Denny's who approached him after court was over, the pair hugging for a moment.

On April 16, 2012, Denny failed to return to the East Coast Forensic Hospital after receiving a one-hour unescorted pass. According to an agreed statement of facts, Denny got into an argument about seven hours later with Taavel and another man outside the gay bar, punched him in the head and slammed his face into the pavement several times.

Rosinski spoke at length about the difficulties in determining what role Denny's schizophrenia played at the time of the attack, and ruled the assault was motivated by "generalized anger," fueled in part by Denny's psycho-



The defendant at Halifax Provincial Court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

sis and abuse of substances.

The Crown had asked for a sentence of seven to 10 years, while the defence suggested less than six years, the same as time served.

The sentencing took about three hours, including two breaks when Denny became agitated and stood up to address the judge. In the first incident, Denny yelled that he wanted to

take the stand and tell the judge "what the hell's going on."

James Giacomantonio, Crown attorney, said the four years it's taken to complete the proceedings has been tough, but it was "particularly taxing" on Taavel's loved ones like Lewis, who attended most appearances.

"For them it's a good day," Giacomantonio said.

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## TRANSPORTATION

### Province strikes \$32.7M ferry deal

Nova Scotia taxpayers will pay at least \$32.7 million over the next two years to refloat the ferry service from Yarmouth to Maine under a 10-year deal that will mean millions more in provincial subsidies.

The province announced the agreement Thursday, mere hours after Bay Ferries Ltd. inked a lease agreement with the U.S. military's Sealift Command for a high speed vessel that had previously been part of a ferry service in the Hawaiian Islands.

The deal comes five months after the government dumped the previous operator, Nova Star Cruises, after it failed to meet passenger targets and soaked up \$39.5 million in provincial subsidies in its two years of running the service.

Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan said he realized the new agreement was a rich one for a province facing significant budgetary pressures.

"But our goal, which I believe we have achieved, was to put a stable, long-term agreement in place," said MacLellan.

"The financial risk is largely that of the province," he said. "This is the investment that's

required to make this operation stable."

The ferry will get \$23.3 million in the first year, including \$9 million for a vessel refit to be carried out at a U.S. shipyard. There is also \$4.1 million for startup costs and for terminal upgrades needed in Yarmouth.

The funding in the second year will be \$9.4 million, with terms for future years negotiated based on performance. The vessel will be named the Cat, reviving the name carried by the ferry operated by Bay Ferries when the former NDP government axed the service in 2009. The service was remounted in 2014 by Nova Star.

The new service is expected to run from June 15 to Sept. 30. The ferry can carry 282 cars and 866 passengers.

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## \$10M

Provincial officials estimated an ongoing annual subsidy of around \$10 million on a financial model projecting 60,000 passengers a year.

## FIRE

### Tenants plucked from balconies during apartment-building blaze

Firefighters rescued people from their balconies after a fire broke out at an apartment building in Halifax Friday morning.

Halifax Fire division commander Mike Blackburn said the blaze at the three-storey building on Lacewood Drive

broke out around 3:30 a.m. in apartment 209.

Blackburn said those saved from the fire were taken care of in transit buses at the scene Friday.

He said one firefighter was taken to hospital with a min-

or injury after encountering a live wire.

Blackburn said the apartment where the fire started is heavily damaged.

There was no word at the time on what caused the blaze.

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SECURITY

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Many passages of the ministerial direction to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, issued last July, were withheld from release due to provisions of the Access to Information Act concerning security, internal deliberations and cabinet confidences.

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### Watchdog group on C-51

"One of our greatest concerns with C-51 is that CSIS has been given extraordinary new powers, including the power to break the law and violate the Constitution," said Josh Paterson, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

The office of Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said ministerial offices are not involved in the processing of access requests, nor should they be.

But the federal decision to keep much of the ministerial direction under wraps did nothing

to reassure those with concerns about C-51, the omnibus security bill that received royal assent early last summer. The legislation gave CSIS the power to actively disrupt suspected terrorist plots, even allowing the spy service to take actions that breach the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as long as a judge approves.

"While some details need to remain secret, it's troubling that so much of the minister's high-level, general direction to CSIS on how the agency should interpret its new powers is blacked out," said Josh Paterson of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association. "The government should be more transparent about the direction it is giving our spy agencies as to how they should be accountable."

BY JIM BRONSKILL / THE CANADIAN PRESS

MEMORIAL

## Patrol honours Titanic victims

Members of an international ice patrol that formed as a result of the sinking of the Titanic will be in Halifax this week for a ceremony to commemorate the more than 1,500 people who died in the disaster.

United States Coast Guard Cmdr. Gabrielle McGrath says the memorial will recognize the long history of the International Ice Patrol, which was established after the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in the Atlantic Ocean in April 1912.

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# Easter bombing kills 65

## PAKISTAN

## More than 300 injured in terrorist blast in Lahore park

A breakaway Pakistani faction of the militant Taliban group has claimed responsibility for an Easter Sunday bombing in a park in the eastern city of Lahore that killed 65 people.

Ahsanullah Ahsan, spokesman for Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, said a suicide bomber with the faction deliberately targeted the Christian community.

The explosion took place near the children's rides in Gulshan-e-Iqbal park — which was crowded with Christians celebrating Easter — local police chief Haider Ashraf said. He said the explosion appeared to have been a suicide bombing, but investigations were ongoing.

The attack killed 65 people and wounded more than 300, said Deeba Shahnaz, a spokesman for Lahore rescue administration.

Punjab's chief minister Shahbaz Sharif announced three days of mourning and pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice, said Zaeem Qadri, a spokesman for the provincial government.

The park was manned by police and private security guards, police chief Haider Ashraf said. "We are in a warlike situation and there is always a general threat alert was received for this place," he added.

Schools and businesses in the city will remain closed on Monday, the city's schools association and the Union of Lahore Traders said.

**“We are in a warlike situation and there is always a general threat.”**  
Police Chief Haider Ashraf



**1 A woman weeps** for her injured family members as she tries to speak to security at a local hospital in Lahore, Pakistan.

**2 Pakistani police officers** and rescue workers gather at the site of bomb explosion in a park where Christians were celebrating Easter.

**3 An man injured by a bomb blast** talks on his cellphone at a local hospital.

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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif held a meeting to assess the security situation in Lahore, according to a government statement. Pakistan's army chief, Gen. Raheel Sharif, also convened an emergency meeting of the country's intelligence agencies to begin to track down those responsible for the attacks, said army spokesman Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa.

Salman Rafiq, a health adviser to the Punjab government, called on people to donate blood, saying that many of those wounded were in a critical condition.

One witness, who wished to be identified only by his first name, Afzal, said he had taken 20 children to hospital and carried three dead bodies to a police car.

"I can't explain to you the tragic situation," he said.

A witness, not identified by name on Pakistan's Geo TV station, said he was heading to-

ward a fairground ride with his wife and two children when he heard a huge bang and all four of them were thrown to the floor. A woman was shown crying while looking desperately for her missing five-year-old son.

A spokesman for the U.S. National Security Council said that the United States "condemns the attack in the strongest terms," describing it as a "cowardly act in what has long been a scenic and placid park."

Ned Price said the U.S. would continue to work with Pakistan and its partners to "root out the

scourge of terrorism."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also condemned the attack, tweeting that it was a "deplorable" act and offering his thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families.

Vikas Swarup, spokesman for India's External Affairs ministry, tweeted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi telephoned Pakistani premier Nawaz Sharif to express his deep condolences. He said Modi "underlined the need for uncompromising efforts to fight against terrorism."

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## BELGIUM

## Uneasy mood in Brussels

Belgian riot police clashed Sunday with hundreds of right-wing hooligans at a temporary shrine honouring victims of the Brussels suicide bombings, as investigators launched fresh anti-terror raids, taking four more people into custody.

Police used water cannons when scuffles broke out in front of the Bourse, which has become a symbolic rallying point for people to pay their respects to those who died in Tuesday's attacks. Black clad men carrying an anti-Islamic State group banner with an expletive on it trampled parts of the shrine, shouting Nazi slogans. Ten were arrested and two police officers injured.

"We had 340 hooligans from different football clubs who came to Brussels and we knew for sure that they would create some trouble," Police Commissioner Christian De Coninck said. "It was a very difficult police operation because lots of families with kids were here."

Federal prosecutors, meanwhile, said Sunday morning's raids were linked to a "federal case regarding terrorism" but didn't specify whether it was the March 22 attacks.

Thirteen raids were launched in the capital and the northern cities of Mechelen and Duffel. An investigating judge was to decide later whether to keep the four in custody. Five were released after questioning.

Suspected plotters also were arrested Sunday in Italy and the Netherlands, though few details of their activity were released immediately.

Tuesday's bomb attacks are also tearing at the fabric of the government, justice system and police, and Belgium's interior minister sought Sunday to contain the growing criticism of the government's handling of the tragedy.

Interior Minister Jan Jambon conceded Sunday that decades of neglect had hampered the government's response to violent extremism.

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**Right-wing demonstrators protest.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## VATICAN CITY

## Pope decries terrorism as 'blind'

Pope Francis tempered his Easter Sunday message of Christian hope with a denunciation of "blind" terrorism, recalling victims of attacks in Europe, Africa and elsewhere, as well as expressing dismay that people fleeing war or poverty are being denied welcome as European countries squabble over the refugee crisis.

Tens of thousands of people patiently endured long lines, backpack inspections and metal-detecting checks Sunday to enter St. Peter's Square. For years, Islamist extremists in social media have listed the Vatican and Rome as potential targets



**Pope Francis.** ASSOCIATED PRESS

due to hosting the headquarters of the Roman Catholic church and several basilicas. Despite the threats, Francis has kept to his habit of trying to be in close physical contact with ordinary

people.

Francis said, for the faithful, Jesus who rose after death by crucifixion "triumphed over evil and sin." He expressed hope that "will draw us closer to the victims of terrorism, that blind and brutal form of violence."

In his balcony speech, Francis said Easter "invites us not to forget those men and women seeking a better future, an ever more numerous throng of migrants and refugees — including many children — fleeing from war, hunger, poverty and social injustice."

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# Women face uphill battle

## ESPORTS

### Commentator says females are not taken seriously

Jennifer Pichette has been playing video games since she was a kid. That's not unusual.

Like some people with a life-long love of video games, she started playing professional tournaments. That's not unusual either.

Then she realized she liked commenting better than playing professionally, and started commenting online tournaments. Still not unusual.

But Jennifer Pichette is a woman, and in the worlds of professional video game playing and commenting, that is unusual, often to the detriment of the woman trying to make it in a burgeoning industry.

"Females aren't taken seriously," said Pichette, a Sudbury, Ont.-based Masters of Medical Microbiology student at Laurentian University and commentator who's known



Jennifer Pichette of Sudbury, a professional commentator for eSports, typically commentates on the Call of Duty series of video games. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

online as LemonKiwi.

"It's just hard for a female gamer to come on the rise, and possibly even be professional."

Though eSports have been around since the early 1990s, the rise in popularity in the past few years has helped the

once niche hobby turn into a lucrative sport competing for the mainstream.

With the jump into mainstream come some growing pains, though. Studies have shown more than half of all gamers are women, but they're

still under-represented in eSports and commenting.

Pichette has experienced this first-hand. Being a female "caster" is still seen as an exception rather than the norm — and the problem is worse for players, she said.

Men will exclude women from teams, citing a lack of professional experience, but Pichette said it usually has more to do with gender than experience.

The problem extends to casting. When Pichette comes on a stream, her mostly male audience isn't expecting a woman to be their caster, and when they find she is, it leads to mixed results. "When they hear a female voice, they're kind of thrown off. It's sometimes not as well accepted," she said. Comments on her streams will suddenly shift from talking about the game to about how a woman is casting.

The opportunities have been steady for Pichette. She'll be hosting a Call of Duty tournament at the Enthusiast Gaming Live Expo, taking place April 29 to May 1 in Toronto.

Pichette still wants more women to have opportunities in gaming. She's started an all-female professional Call of Duty league, in the hopes that a safer space will encourage more women to consider playing professional eSports.

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## IN BRIEF

### Uber protests airport's plan to fingerprint drivers

Uber has objected to Atlanta airport's plan to use fingerprints to check criminal records of its drivers, saying its own record checks are sufficient. Uber has agreements with more than 50 U.S. airports, none of which require fingerprint-based background checks. But New York City does fingerprint drivers.

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### Deal reached to raise California minimum wage

California legislators and labour unions have reached a tentative agreement that will take the state's minimum wage from \$10 US to \$15 US an hour, a state senator said, a move that would make for the largest statewide minimum in the U.S. by far. At \$10 an hour, California already has one of the highest minimum wages in the nation along with Massachusetts.

Only Washington, D.C., at \$10.50 per hour is higher.

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## Belgians fear hit to tourism

At the aptly named Planete Chocolat, the shelves are laden with enticing Easter treasures.

Swannee Vranckx, a clerk at the shop near Brussels' main square, said she would normally have seen 50 to 100 customers by midafternoon in the days before one of the biggest holidays of the Christian year.

But after the bombing attacks, only a handful had come in search of Easter treats.

The city's chocolatiers are concerned about the future. Their livelihoods depend on people from around the globe streaming into their shops to indulge in their world-famous goodies.

The bombings will cut consumer spending on recreation, leisure and tourism but they are likely to have only a short-term impact on the whole Belgian economy, according to Francesca Peck, an economist at IHS Global Insight in London.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON BEING A WOMAN IN COURT WITH GHOMESHI

**Judge Horkins saw fit to underline the existence of false sexual assault allegations. It was outrageous and unnecessary, especially after he reiterated that the person charged with a crime gets the benefit of the doubt.**



I doubt a single journalist walked into the Jian Ghomeshi sexual-assault trial suspicious of the heart of the allegations, or the three women behind them. And I doubt even one walked out more than a month later doubting an acquittal was right.

But it was nevertheless excruciating to be a woman, in the gallery watching the scandal diminish, easily batted away by the judge in his not-guilty verdict.

Even for those following on Twitter, it was not the same as being in that room, seeing women's expressions, their glances, watching their faces as the witnesses described assault.

After Lucy DeCoutere's chief testimony, where she described being a people-pleaser who didn't want to upset Ghomeshi after the alleged assault, one woman reporter told me she cried listening to her account. "Of course!" the reporter said: Any woman could relate to that impulse.

But as the trial went on, sympathy and sisterhood was

replaced at times with irritation and bewilderment.

It only took Marie Henein, Ghomeshi's lawyer, one kick at the first witness for us to see that this was not going to be the trial we expected. The pretrial press coverage had created the mirage of a credible case against Ghomeshi, but the closer we got to the evidence, the more that credibility evaporated. After the months of stories, the national conversation about sexual violence in this country — this was not going to be the comeuppance of a powerful man who hurt women, or, by proxy, a defeat of sexism itself. Instead, the trial became a microcosm of how women are coping with the status quo.

Silent and mostly unnoticed in the front row throughout the trial sat Ghomeshi's mother and sister. Where others saw symbolism in the case, to the family it was "deeply personal," said Jian's sister Jila.

Then there were Marie Henein and Danielle Robitaille, her protégé, as much the faces of the trial as De-

Coutere. Both lawyers cut formidable figures in slick suits and "killer heels," a visual display of their fierce skills, as Anne Kingston of Maclean's would note.

To the National Post's Christie Blatchford, Henein and Robitaille became a kind of harbour in the storm, two women "so clearly not seeking favour" from other women that Blatchford deemed them a "comfort."

They stood opposed to female activists, whom Blatchford and the Star's Rosie DiManno both seemed to suggest would sooner turn the court into a psychiatrist's couch than give women their due credit for being able to weather tough questions. To Blatchford, covering the trial "was akin to being a member, by virtue of gender alone, of an over-delicate, slightly feeble-minded citizenry in need of perpetual deference and protection both."

I understand her concern, but I also saw in the protesters, especially the hundreds of mostly women outside the

court the night of the verdict, resilience, power and even righteousness.

One young woman told me the trial had ended any hope she had in the justice system, but she would commit herself to advocacy and support work instead.

Unlike her, I have hope for future justice reform.

But there is also the much murkier world of ingrained sexism, the kind that, despite Justice William B. Horkins' mostly harsh but fair ruling, stained his judgment in two unforgivable ways.

First, multiple times, Horkins called into question the women's post-assault behaviour, which he said shouldn't be governed by stereotypes, but then went ahead and called "odd" anyway.

Second, and most egregiously, Horkins saw fit to underline the existence of false sexual assault allegations, stating, "The twists and turns of the complainants' evidence in this trial, illustrate the need to be vigilant in avoiding the equally dangerous false assumption that sexual assault complainants are always truthful."

It was an outrageous and unnecessary 31 words, especially after he took time at the beginning to reiterate that people charged with a crime are the ones who get the benefit of the doubt.

As I walked home, the adrenalin wore off and the sadness sank in. Sadness for Ghomeshi's family, who clearly loves him. Sadness for the witnesses. For the protesters. For all sexual assault victims.

I walked through my door and cried. Of course! What else is a woman to do?

## There could be a third way to resolve sexual assault cases

### HALIFAX MATTERS

Stephen Kimber



On Thursday, Ontario Justice William Horkins found former CBC host Jian Ghomeshi not guilty of five sexual assault-related charges.

Legally, it was the right decision. But it isn't the right conclusion. As Judge Horkins acknowledged, not guilty "is not the same as deciding in any positive way these events never happened."

The Crown must prove beyond a reasonable doubt someone committed a crime. Defendants don't have to prove they're innocent. But sexual assaults are often he-said/she-said. If the defendant doesn't testify, and if the assaults happened long ago, there may be, as the judge noted, "no tangible evidence." The court has "only the sworn evidence of each complainant, standing on its own, to be measured against a very exacting standard of proof."

That's where the Ghomeshi case collapsed. The defence reasonably honed in on "dramatic non-disclosures," highlighting contradictions in the women's court testimony.

One example: "L.R. was firm in her evidence ... she chose never to have any further contact" with Ghomeshi. But the defence confronted her

with after-the-act "flirtatious" emails, including one with a bikini photo of her. She then claimed the emails were part of a "plan" to confront him.

Inconsistency is not a fatal flaw, but failing to disclose shreds credibility. Her conduct, said the judge, was "completely inconsistent" with her sworn testimony that "the mere thought of Jian Ghomeshi traumatized her."

Who's to blame: police and prosecutors for not insisting the women fully disclose, or the women for not disclosing? Someone should have asked the right questions in advance.

Instead of upending our justice system — do we really want to eliminate the presumption of innocence, or tell the defence it can't challenge the credibility of witnesses? — we should consider the Scottish option of a third verdict: "Not proven." Twenty per cent of Scottish trials end that way.

Such a verdict, noted the Scotsman newspaper in an editorial, may be "unsatisfactory to both parties, the aggrieved finding the accused escapes, the accused leaving the court without having had his name cleared. But this is often fair."

It certainly would have been more fair in this case.

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Will Annick and Yolanda's financial goals be met? **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** has only a few weeks left to get Yolanda sticking to a budget and improving her cash flow.

## Yolanda benefits from a buffer



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**THE CHALLENGE:** Two young women have committed to transforming their financial lives in just 12 weeks with Metro's Money Makeover and finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie. Yolanda, 27, from Mississauga, is rapidly saving a down payment while Annick, 24, from Calgary, is crushing her consumer debt. With only three weeks to go, the big question is whether these ambitious women will achieve their financial targets.

**THIS WEEK:** Yolanda has planned a move and a trip to Montreal. Find out why, for once in her adult financial life, she doesn't have the heebie-jeebies about these upcoming expenses.

**NEXT WEEK:** Annick files her tax return and is surprised by the result. Has working with a tax professional been worth it?

### THE SITUATION

Yolanda has two expensive months ahead — \$500 for movers, a truck and packing boxes as she moves back in with her mother in April plus another \$500 for a fun trip to Montreal in early May.

Obviously the first is a need and the latter is a want — one that I believe is well deserved given her financial progress to date.

When I grilled Yolanda on her plan to pay for these one-off expenses, she confidently responded.

"When I stare at my budget I am happy. The numbers don't lie. I know I can afford these upcoming expenses. But, I will have to reduce what I spend on other things like meals and entertainment for a few months," she told me. "I'm making a financial trade-off and I therefore don't feel guilty."

Included in her plan is an expectation that she'll receive a healthy tax refund of a few thousand dollars during the month of April.

Certainly Yolanda will benefit from powerful charitable tax credits from her regular giving and also a tax deduction from her 2015 RRSP contributions.

But, history isn't always indicative of the future. What if Yolanda's tax refund is slim-to-none, or worse yet, she

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has to pay the government? Besides cutting back on her discretionary spending, she'll also have drain her "buffer" account that she's worked incredibly hard to build up. And that's the point of a financial "buffer."

### THE LESSON

Naturally most 20-somethings plan their finances optimistically: a tax refund will always be there; a raise is around the corner; a house, car or other big-ticket purchase will cost less than originally thought.

And dangerously, that a financial emergency, such as job loss, simply won't happen.

But, life deals a harsh hand



Yolanda isn't letting some one-off expenses get her down this month because her budget can handle it. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

at times and, in fact, the average Canadian experiences a financial gut-punch twice each decade.

When I lived with my grandmother during university she ingrained in my head that at all times I needed immediate access to a minimum of \$1,000 to get out of a financial pinch.

She was right. I used that fund three times for burst pipes, a quick move and a hefty car repair bill — all before reaching age 25.

I cannot stress how important it is for every modern young person to build-up a financial buffer.

As a rule of thumb, if you've got credit-card debt, your buffer should be up to \$1,000. If not, grow your buffer to the equivalent of three months' salary.

Gone are the days when Yolanda would raid her RRSPs and TFSAs to pay for minor emergencies, trips and vet bills.

Amongst many other valuable financial skills such as sticking to a budget and spreading out her expenses more evenly throughout the month (easier on her cash flow), Yolanda has learned that planning for the financial worst and hoping for the best reduces stress and squashes financial guilt.



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The Flash is darting away from his own show to join the cast of Supergirl on Monday. CONTRIBUTED

# How to mix a pair of superheroes

## SUPERGIRL

**There are a few things needed when executing a crossover**

Look, up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's every single comic book superhero ever created comin' atcha!

Hot on the heels of Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice comes television's latest comic book crossover. On tonight's Supergirl (CBS and Global at 8 p.m.), The Flash's Grant Gustin darts away from his own show and teams with Melissa Benoist for an episode titled World's Finest.

The common denominator in this clash of DC Comics titans is executive producer Greg Berlanti. The busy showrunner is considered a show business superhero, juggling six series at once. Most are comic book fantasies, with Arrow and DC's Legends of Tomorrow also produced under his watch.

Still, not everybody can make a crossover episode work. Here are four things Berlanti and his co-executive producers needed to make Monday's episode happen.

**Super accommodating stars**  
Benoist, 27, is still in her rookie season and was all smiles in January as she and other cast members spoke with reporters at their Los Angeles studio.

"People were ready to see a strong female heroine," she says, adding how humbled she is "every time a little girl comes on set" and sees her in that familiar red, yellow and blue costume.

The Texan is on her home court for the crossover. Gustin, on the other hand, had to fly to L.A. from Vancouver where he already puts in 12- to 14-hour

days. "Logistically it's almost impossible," Gustin said earlier this year on the Vancouver set of his series. He says the effects-heavy series is tough enough to complete on a TV schedule.

## Super proximity

Crossovers between The Flash and Arrow and even DC's Legends of Tomorrow are made easier by the fact that all three shows are on neighbouring soundstages in Vancouver. The same is true of Chicago-based Dick Wolf dramas Chicago Fire, Chicago PD and Chicago Med. The Supergirl/Flash crossover was trickier because of Gustin's travel, but at least Vancouver and L.A. are in the same time zone.

## Super storyline

On Monday's show, Flash visits an alternative Earth and helps Supergirl out of her recent funk by taking on two bad girls: Live-wire (Brit Morgan) and Siobhan Smythe, now the Silver Banshee (Richmond Hill's Italia Ricci). The latter has a sonic scream that can crack concrete.

## Super synergy

While Supergirl is on CBS and The Flash is on the CW, this crossover is still all in the family. Both shows are produced by Warner Bros. Television and DC Entertainment. The CW is jointly owned by Warner Bros. and CBS. Berlanti always saw crossover potential.

New CBS programming boss Glenn Geller saw it too and, faster than a speeding bullet, a crossover was ordered.

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**WHAT I'M WATCHING**

## Shandling was a master of unmasking Hollywood

**THE SHOW:** The Larry Sanders Show, Episode 89 (YouTube)  
**THE MOMENT:** Jim Carrey's farewell

On his last night as a talk show host, Larry Sanders (Garry Shandling) introduces Jim Carrey, who makes a hammy entrance to huge applause. "You'd think it was your last night," Sanders says, with a (clearly pained) smile.

"Just when I thought everything was solid in my life, you decide to go," Carrey says. "You know I can't get it up? Ever since the announcement I've been flaccid." Carrey launches into the ballad And I Am Telling You I'm

Not Going, from Dreamgirls; he leaps on Shandling's desk, hugs him. Until they go to commercial.

"Let's cut the crap," Carrey snarls. "What are you gonna do now, movies? I'll crush you."

"Are you doing a bit?" Shandling asks nervously. "We're off the air, Larry," Carrey says. "This is real life now." Shandling died last Thursday at age 66. He wasn't the first to unmask Hollywood as a snakepit of insincere ego-maniacs. But he did it the best.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.





# metro SPORTS

Cub Jason Heyward was forced to climb the outfield fence as a swarm of bees invaded Sunday's Chicago-Seattle game

## 'Canes keep it calm after an early storm

NBL CANADA

### Johnson leads the way to stay top of division after Island win



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

There was a bit of a stormy start to National Basketball League of Canada action Sunday afternoon inside the Scotiabank Centre.

But home team the Halifax Hurricanes weathered their way to a solid 104-84 win over the visiting Island Storm, on the strength of both defensive and offensive efforts during the second half.

The game is the first of a home-and-home series, with the Hurricanes travelling to Prince Edward Island on Monday for the rematch. Tip-off time is 2 p.m. at the Eastlink Centre in Charlottetown.

"The first half, we didn't come out aggressive enough," six-foot-two, 175-pound Hurricanes point guard Justin Johnson said after the game.

"They were way more aggressive (than) us on defence, but at halftime coach got on us hard," the 27-year-old from California said.

In fact, the Storm out-shot the 'Canes 24-22 in the first and 23-18 in the second quarter,



Halifax Hurricane guard Cliff Clinkscales, right, moves the ball up court past Island Storm centre Chad Posthumus at the Scotiabank Centre Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

### STANDINGS

The Halifax Hurricanes have a 20-8 record on the NBL Canada regular season, good enough to lead the four-team Atlantic Division. The London Lightning lead the four-team Central Division with a 19-9 record overall.

putting the former up 47-40 at halftime.

Those aren't numbers the first-place Halifax squad wanted to see on their home court scoreboard after 24 minutes of taking on the fourth- and last-place team in the division.

"We came out with more

intensity in the third quarter," said Johnson, who for his part led the way with 24 points, 10 rebounds and five assists.

"We got more defensive stops (and) pushed the ball up in transition," he said.

Johnson credited his teammates with giving him the room to "make plays" and put up some points. Also for the Hurricanes, centre Kyle Hunt scored 18 points and had six rebounds, guard Cliff Clinkscales contributed 11 points and four assists, while guard Shane Gibson put up 16 points.

"The second half, we really picked it up," six-foot-10, 229-pound Hunt said after the win. "We started rebounding, getting our transition and get-

ting some easy baskets, so it worked out," he said.

"We talked about the things we needed to fix, and we got it done in the second half."

The Hurricanes will have to get "some good rest," watch some film and focus on fixing their first-half play when they hit the court against the Island Storm again Monday afternoon.

"We'll have to correct them the whole game, instead of fixing them in the second half," Hunt said.

Johnson agreed the guys have "to be ready to come out early in the first quarter."

"If we make a strong stand in the first and we continue on in the second half, we'll be able to get the win," he said.

HOCKEY RECORD

## Over and overtime, but still no winner

Nova Scotia hockey officials say they have never seen anything like it: A provincial championship game still undecided after 10 periods.

And so, after what is thought to be the longest hockey game in N.S. history, the province's female championship was declared a 1-1 tie on Saturday, and co-champions declared.

"The game went on, and went on, and went on," said Peter Twohig, regional director for females for Hockey Nova Scotia. "I've seen a lot of triple overtime games, but I've never seen anything like I watched today."

The game was for the Pee-wee AA championship, involving the best 10- and 11-year-old girls in the province. The TASA Ducks of Tantallon, N.S., squared off against the Pictou County Selects. The game started at 11 a.m., and was finally called at about 3:30 p.m., after the seventh overtime period.

"It was amazing to watch throughout overtime. They were playing with heart and determination," said Twohig.

There had been no scoring

since the second period. The girls were given oranges and other sustenance to keep them going through each 15-minute period, but eventually parents and coaches began to worry about their safety, Twohig said.

"By the time it got to the 7th overtime, it was getting clear to me a lot of the girls were at their limit."

Hockey Nova Scotia has no rules on how to handle such circumstances. Twohig consulted with league officials, and they decided to end the game after 10 periods.

Stephen Murray, director of female hockey in the province, said they initially thought they would schedule another championship game later.

"We're not going to settle it by way of a shootout, it just doesn't seem fair," said Murray.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Dominant Day back on top

Jason Day made his return to No. 1 in the world even sweeter Sunday by winning the Dell Match Play.

Day outlasted Rory McIlroy in an epic battle in the semifinals before dominating the championship match against Louis Oosthuizen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Hutchison sore but lucky

Blue Jays pitcher Drew Hutchison escaped injury Sunday when he was struck in the back of the head by catcher A.J. Jimenez's throw to second base on an attempted stolen base during the fifth inning of a 7-3 victory over Tampa Bay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## CURLING

# From bunny ears to tears as Canada miss out on medals

Canadian third Amy Nixon couldn't stop the tears, let alone hide her disappointment.

Russia's Anna Sidorova edged Canada's Chelsea Carey 9-8 to capture the bronze medal Sunday at the women's curling world championship.

The loss effectively puts Carey's Calgary-based rink of Nixon, lead Laine Peters and second Jocelyn Peterman back to square one for Olympic qualifying.

Nixon, who won bronze at the 2006 Turin Games, was heartbroken after watching an Olympic qualifying berth slip through her fingers.

"I'm not going to lie, I'm gutted. I'm gutted," said Nixon as tears streamed down her face. "One of the hardest losses of my career, personally."

"It happens and it's just a sport, but right now? That hurt. That's hurting."

Canada's Olympic trials for the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea, will have the top nine teams from each gender enter into a standard curling tournament starting Dec. 2, 2017. One way for a women's team to guarantee an invitation is to win the Scotties Tournament of Hearts — which Carey's rink



Canada's Amy Nixon wears a pair of bunny ears prior to the bronze medal game. JONATHAN HEYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

did Feb. 28 — but that invitation is conditional on winning a medal at the following world championships.

"The work that goes into getting this far and knowing it took me 10 years to get back in this situation," said Nixon, pausing to kiss her two-year-old daughter, Kali. "It's exhausting, mentally, for me to even imagine getting back, honestly."

"I just feel like this was maybe my chance."

Switzerland's Binia Feltscher defeated Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa 9-6 in the gold-medal final Sunday. The Swiss have won three consecutive world titles.

Canadian champion Heather Nedohin stepped away to devote more time to her family.

With Carey at the helm, the squad rolled through the Alberta playdowns then captured the Scotties Tournament of Hearts to become national champions before finishing fourth at the world championship.

"For me, my first worlds, I certainly learned a lot," said Carey. "I feel like just having the experience would certainly help me if I were lucky enough to get back to a world championship."

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For Metro Canada

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Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes

## Ingredients

- 2 cups spelt flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- butter for pan
- Filling: Nutella, sliced fruit like bananas, strawberries, apples, Greek yogurt, honey, syrup, peanut butter, almonds, walnuts, coconut, etc.

## Directions

**1.** In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. In a medium size bowl, whisk milk, butter milk, egg, and vanilla extract. Combine wet ingredients into flour mixture and stir until just combined. Let rest in refrigerator.

**2.** Place a large skillet over medium heat and allow to warm. Remove batter from the refrigerator. Add a tablespoon of butter to skillet and let melt. Working in batches, ladle batter into skillet and cook until bubbles appear on surface. Flip and cook another minute or two. Remove from skillet. Repeat until you've used all the batter.

**3.** Place pancakes and fillings on the table and allow people to build their own.

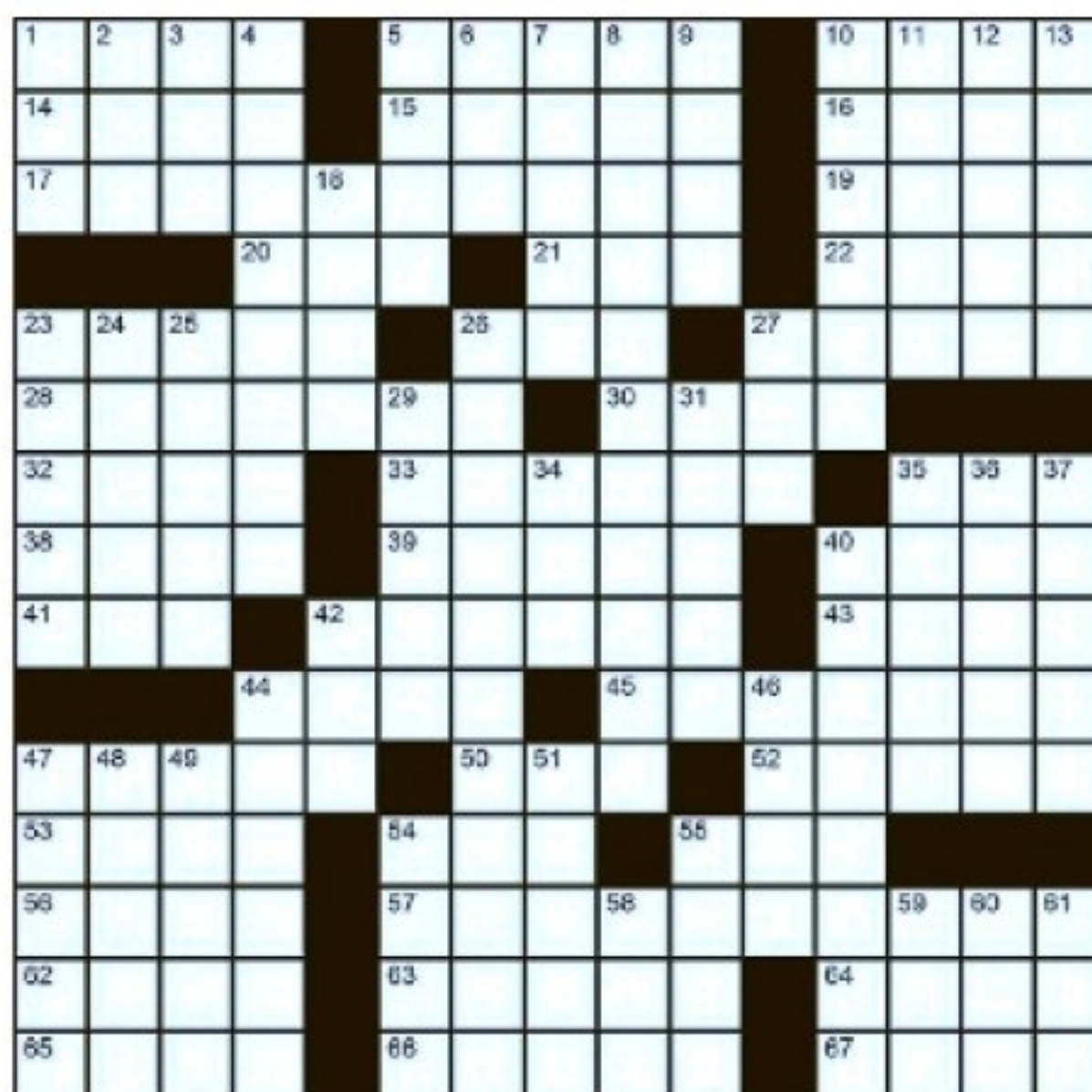
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5. Choreography components
10. Gilda Radner character, \_ Wawa
14. Ancient outfit
15. The Vatican's governing body
16. Mongolia's capital, \_ Bator
17. The \_ Saddledome
19. Take a chance
20. Philosophy
21. \_-hee! (Haha!)
22. Dog's wagger
23. Thread holder
26. " \_ Air" (1997)
27. Search party in a Western
28. Mutant in "X-Men: Days of Future Past" (2014)
30. Tiger Woods' ex-wife
32. Nautical side
33. Actress Kirstie, and surnamesakes
35. Decline
38. Do some gardening
39. West Yorkshire city in England
40. " \_ be okay."
41. Li'l time segments
42. Grapefruit-like fruit
43. Illusionist, archaically
44. Soaps actress Ms. Sofer
45. \_ Fields (Heavenly abode in Greek mythology)
47. Mumbai's country
50. Headshakes meanings



52. Property measures
53. "Disco Duck" singer Rick
54. Reverend Scott's portrayal in "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972) ...his initials-sharers
55. Forensic 'finger-print'
56. Eagle of the

- sea, variably
57. Directed backwards
62. Hertz competitor
63. Space stranger
64. Organic compound
65. Tick-borne sickness, \_ Disease
66. Skate part

67. Faux-hued hair
- DOWN**
1. Elevs.
  2. Winter/Summer games org.
  3. \_ trip
  4. Like short-in-supply food
  5. Swindle
  6. Cause supporter,

- \_thumper
7. Greek Myth: Muse of love poetry
8. Some of the 'leaves' in a coniferous forest: 2 wds.
9. Interest
10. Music Hall of Fame inductee Mr. Cummings
11. Handle

12. Underlying component
13. Summery jewelry, \_ bracelet
18. \_ of Wight (1970 rock festival)
23. Chart-topper in music
24. Less blushful
25. Moulding styles
26. "2 Heads" singer from Thunder Bay: 2 wds.
27. Sleuths, e.g.
29. Bird's prey clasper
31. Disinfecting product
34. Kathie Gifford connector
35. Flight segment
36. Pond buildup
37. Valley varieties
40. Song by #10-Down that goes "Never been much on religion...": 2 wds.
42. \_ coat
44. Where #17-Across is located in Calgary, 555 Saddledome \_ \_ \_ \_
46. Dr. Cristina \_ (Sandra Oh's role from "Grey's Anatomy")
47. Best
48. Brash
49. Jeans material
51. Ancient seaport of Rome
54. Seize
55. Finished
58. Popular lipstick colour
59. "Pick a card, \_ card..."
60. Jane or John
61. Yore

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Avoid controversial subjects today, because people are quick to anger. Furthermore, not only are people hot tempered, they are blind to logic and reason.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
This is a poor day to discuss how to share something, because people are intense. However, if you really have to fight for your best interests, it might work; you will be courageous!

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Don't make a big deal out of things with partners and close friends today, because matters quickly can get out of hand. Wear water wings, and stay in the shallow end of the pool.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You have lots of energy to work today. The only downside is that you might be demanding of others. Just take it easy.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
This is a powerful day for those of you who are involved in sports. However, regarding other matters, you might be coming on too strong. Be gentle with children and romantic partners.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You can use your energy today to move furniture and make improvements and renovations to your home. Do your best to avoid family arguments.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You are powerful and forceful today! Because you are persuasive, people will listen to you. Nevertheless, don't be overbearing.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Be careful when shopping today, because you might be overruled by your strong feelings instead of your good common sense. There's a difference between a want and a need.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
This is a powerful day for you, because the Moon is in your sign, lined up with fiery Mars. This makes you courageous, but also inclined to argue! Stay chill.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You can pull some strings from behind the scenes today because you have influence. One area that is a strong focus now is your home and family.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Avoid confrontations with a female companion, especially in a group, today. Things could quickly get out of hand. Keep your head down and your powder dry.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Discussions with authority figures might be too intense today. Be polite — the power of courtesy can never be underestimated. Don't go looking for trouble.

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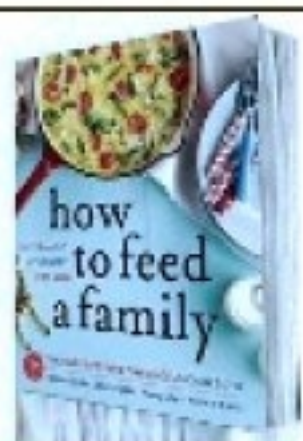
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